

Amendments to the Claim:

The present listing of the claim replaces all past listings of the claim:

Listing of the claims

Claims 1- 12 (Canceled).

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) A fixing label for use in a splicing method for splicing a new reel of paper to an unwinding web of paper, ~~said fixing label having a predetermined length prior to its use in said splicing method,~~ said fixing label comprising:

a) **a predetermined length prior to its use in said splicing method;**

[[a]] b) a paper carrier having a front side and a rear side and two long edges;

[[b]] c) a self-adhesive composition on said front side of said paper carrier;
and

[[c]] d) a double-sided adhesive tape adhered to a part of said rear side of said paper carrier, said double sided adhesive tape being adhered to said rear side beginning at a distance V of from 0.5 to 15 mm from one long edge of said paper carrier, wherein said double-sided adhesive tape comprises:

- i) a cleavable paper;
- ii) a self-adhesive composition on a first side of said cleavable paper carrier; and
- iii) a self-adhesive composition on a second side of said cleavable paper carrier.

Claim 14. (Previously Presented) Fixing label according to claim 13, wherein the distance V is 1 to 7 mm.

Claim 15. (Previously Presented) Fixing label according to claim 13, wherein the distance V is 1.5 to 3.5 mm.

Claim 16. (Previously Presented) Fixing label according to claim 13, wherein one or more of the self-adhesive compositions are pressure-sensitive adhesive compositions based on acrylates or rubber.

Claim 17. (Previously Presented) Fixing label according to claim 13, wherein one or more of the self-adhesive compositions are water-soluble pressure-sensitive adhesive compositions based on acrylates.

Claim 18. (Previously Presented) Fixing label according to claim 13, wherein the self-adhesive composition on the front side of the paper carrier is covered by a release

material.

Claim 19. (Previously Presented) Fixing label according to claim 18, wherein the release material is provided with a slit.

Claim 20. (Previously Presented) Fixing label according to claim 19, wherein the slit is arranged at a distance of 15 to 40 mm from a long edge of the fixing label which is opposite the long edge closest to an edge of the double-sided adhesive tape.

Claim 21. (Previously Presented) Fixing label according to claim 13, which is 35-120 mm wide and 35-120 mm long.

Claim 22. (Previously Presented) Fixing label according to claim 21, which is 40-80 mm wide and/or 40-80 mm long.

Claim 23. (Previously Presented) Fixing label according to claim 13, wherein the double-sided adhesive tape is 3 to 20 mm wide.

Claim 24. (Previously Presented) Fixing label according to claim 23, wherein the double-sided adhesive tape is 6 to 12 mm wide.

Claim 25. (Previously Presented) Fixing label according to claim 13, wherein the cleavable paper carrier has a cleavage strength of 20 to 70 cN/cm.

Claim 26. (Previously Presented) Fixing label according to claim 25, wherein the cleavable paper carrier has a cleavage strength of 22 to 60 cN/cm.

Claim 27. (Previously Presented) Fixing label according to claim 25, wherein the cleavable paper carrier has a cleavage strength of 25 to 50 cN/cm.

Claim 28. (Previously Presented) A roll comprising a plurality of fixing labels according to claim 13, at least one of said fixing labels being joined on each end thereof to another one of said fixing labels through a perforated joint.

Claim 29. (Previously Presented) A splicing method comprising the following steps:

- a) providing a fixing label according to claim 13;
- b) providing a new reel of paper having a top web of paper and another web of paper beneath said top web of paper;
- c) adhering part of the self-adhesive composition on the front side of the paper carrier of said fixing label to an underside of said top web of paper;
- d) adhering the double-sided adhesive tape of said fixing label to a topside of said web of paper beneath said top web of paper;
- e) placing said new reel of paper beside an unwinding reel of paper;
- f) accelerating said new reel of paper to the same speed as said unwinding reel of paper;

- g) pressing said new reel of paper against said unwinding reel of paper so that:
- i) an unadhered part of the self-adhesive composition on the front side of the paper carrier of said fixing label becomes adhered to said unwinding reel of paper, thereby to form a splice between said new reel of paper and said unwinding reel of paper, and
 - ii) said cleavable paper cleaves in a such way that upon cleavage remains of said cleavable paper cover both self-adhesive compositions on said cleavable paper and render both self-adhesive compositions outwardly non-adhesive.